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## **Statement by Senate Finance Chair on Close of Agency Budget Request hearings**

CONCORD - Senate Finance Chairman Chuck Morse issued the following statement today following the conclusion of three days of Agency Budget Request hearings held at the Legislative Office Building:

"Two years ago, the legislature made the difficult decisions necessary to correct the mistakes of the past and balance the state's budget during very difficult economic times. Three days of hearings show this year's budget will be no easier than the last as state agencies have presented us with a wish list that is much longer and more expensive than the taxpayers of New Hampshire can or will accept.

"Governor-elect Hassan has met with many of the state agencies and she struck the right tone earlier this week when she instructed them to pare back their requests. The ball is now in her court and we look forward to reviewing her proposed budget. Honest revenue estimates, responsible spending, and low taxes are the keys to a balanced budget that will help our economy and avoid the mistakes of the past."

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